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Packaging for Burial

REFERENCE: (a) [redacted] 30 August 1955
(b) [redacted]

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1. By reference (b) your [redacted] concurred in reference (a), wherein a request was made for your cooperation in an area-wide test program concerned with the general problem of caching and burial packaging.
2. Test materials have been collected and it is possible at this time to present the project outline to you in detail. The program is divided into three general broad phases:
 - a. Phase I is the burial of items protected with Jan-e-149, Type II, hot dip cellulose acetate butyrate (using formulations NR-45 and NR-49) and with tire and tube reconditioning material, Fed Spec II-T-416a. The outer containers will be the 55 Box and a local market 5 gallon capacity metal container. This phase also includes items not protected by hot dip or rubber but placed bare in the same type containers.
 - b. Phase II is a check of the local markets at the location of each of the five different burial sites to purchase materials that can be used for expedient packaging. This survey and subsequent purchase will be made at the time of burial during Phase I. The materials purchased will be returned to ATRA where subsequent caches will be returned to the area of origin for burial and observation.
 - c. Phase III is the exhumation and inspection of caches previously buried at period intervals in the future, most probably on a six months basis.

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3. a. A total of four caches will be buried at your station during Phase I. Each cache will contain one SS Box and one Japanese metal container. Items to be included in each cache and the manner of protection to each item are as follows:

Item	Unit	Preparation
(1) Watch, wrist	1 each . . .	Clean, wrap in foil. 2 coats HB-45
(2) Gun, hand	1 each . . .	Same as above.
(3) Ammo, 9mm	3 pkgs . . .	3 rds. per pkg. Clean, wrap in foil. 2 coats HB-45.
(4) Ammo, 30 cal	3 pkgs . . .	Same as above.
(5) Flares, Trip	2 each . . .	In metal can. 2 coats HB-45.
(6) Bayonet w/leather handle	1 each . . .	Clean, seal in self-sealing rubber.
(7) Socks, wool	1 each . . .	Wrap in foil, 2 coats HB-49.
(8) Socks, nylon	1 each . . .	Same as above.
(9) Film, 35 mm	1 each . . .	Same as above.
(10) Time Pencils	5 each . . .	Wrap 2 in foil, seal in rubber. Wrap 3 in foil, 2 coats HB-45.
(11) Blasting Caps	5 each . . .	Same as above.
(12) Radios	1 each . . .	Wrap in foil, 2 coats HB-45.
(13) Matches, wooden	5 boxes . . .	Same as above.
(14) Paper	50 sheets . .	25-wrap in foil, seal in rubber. 25-wrap in foil, 2 coats HB-49
(15) Medicine	2 bottles . .	Wrap 1 in foil, 2 coats HB-49. Wrap 1 in foil, seal in rubber.

- b. Another cache will contain the following, placed in the SS Box. They will be placed in the container without any packaging, but will be wrapped in brown paper only.

Item	Preparation
(1) Ammunition, 9 mm	Bare
(2) Ammunition, 30 cal	Bare
(3) Trip Flare	Bare
(4) Cap, Blasting, U.S. Army Spec. .	Rubber
(5) Matches	Bare
(6) Time Pencils	Bare
(7) Sheath Knife	Bare

- c. In a Japanese five gallon metal container will be placed the following:

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Item	Examination
(1) Pistol	MR-45
(2) Trip Flare	MR-45
(3) Ammunition, 9 mm	Rubber
(4) Ammunition, 30 cal	MR-45
(5) Rayonet	Rubber
(6) Blasting Caps	Canned and MR-45
(7) Wooden matches	MR-45
(8) Paper	MR-49
(9) Thin Pencils	Rubber
(10) Film, 35 mm	MR-49

4. Items listed above have been obtained and the packages are now being prepared. The number of eaches to be prepared and buried using the local materials obtained in Phase II is indeterminate at this time, as it will depend on the availability and suitability of containers located during the survey. However, it is planned to use the same items and method of protection as listed in para. 3 above in the interests of uniformity and comparative results. The phase will be initiated with a minimum of two cases.

5. In the very near future you will be shipped approximately five boxes of equipment with an approximate weight of 250 pounds. It is requested that these be held awaiting the arrival of our materials engineer conducting this project.

6. The additional following requests are made.

a. TO for RM at your for approximately five days for and possibly The date selected can be one of convenience to you after the arrival of the above boxes.

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b. A preliminary survey to be made to determine the actual burial sites in conformity with your minimum security requirements.

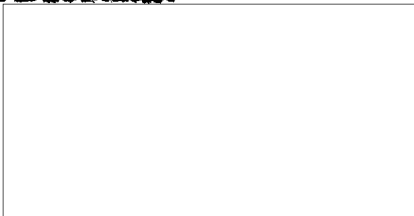
c. The use of a vehicle, shovels, pick, and canvas tarpaulin.

7. You will be advised when the shipment of material leaves Upon receipt, your reply and TO would be appreciated.

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